

Beaufront First School

Newsletter

Nurturing happiness, achievement and respect

Friday 4th October

Dear Parents and carers

Another week has flown by—here's a glimpse into what's been happening.

In early years we have been exploring the Autumn season and we have been specifically looking at what the early signs of Autumn are. The children have been showing us their excellent sorting and matching skills by matching pairs. We have also been finding out how we have grown over the years. The children had a great time looking at their and each others photos of when they were babies. Thank you parents for sharing them with us!

In Class 1 we have been looking at how to create observational drawings and from this lesson the children have created their own observational drawings of rocks, feathers and seed heads. We are very proud of their efforts! We also had a workshop called 'Mini Medics' where the children learnt how to help people in need and basic CPR. The children were very engaged and loved this lesson!

Class 2 have taken a closer look at the wonderful book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse* by local author and illustrator Charlie Mackesy. Inspired by Mackesy's style, they experimented with watercolour techniques to create their own artwork. The results were absolutely beautiful. In our Computing lessons, the children worked collaboratively to create a slide show all about owls—it was great to see such team work in action!

We are proud of our hard working children this week. Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Mr Hanford

Beaufront First School

Awards

Early Years

Emily - for being a wonderful friend

Molly—for being super helpful in class

Ben—for being kind and caring towards everyone

Monty—for being determined to succeed

Class 1

Angus—being very helpful to Mrs Pease and Mrs Bolam

Esther—incredible art, enthusiasm and concentration

Harvey—wonderful art and a great team player

Class 2

Isaac—being kind and helpful

Ralph A - super maths skills

Pollyanna—earning the 'Pen Licence'

PE Award-hockey

Helena—super invasion skills and tactics

Alma—resilience and effort

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Important Information

Parent Teacher consultations

Our upcoming Parent teacher consultations are planned for the week running up to half term. These consultations provide a good opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their work and progress and how they have settled in to their new class/school.

- EYFS - Wednesday 23rd October, 1 – 6pm with Mrs Boucetla.
- Class 1 – Tuesday 22nd October, 1-6pm with Mr Fox
- Class 2 – Tuesday 22nd October, 1-6pm with Mrs Paxton

If you haven't already when collecting please come and sign up for a suitable time to meet with your child's teacher. The sign-up board is in school reception.

Middle School Places for September 2025 – Year 4

It is now time for children in Year 4 to apply for the next phase of school starting in September 2024. The NCC Portal opened yesterday, 12th September, and closes on **31st October 2024**.

All children in Year 4, who are due to transition to Middle School in September 2025 will need to make an on time application: [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](#) The link to the school admissions website is [here](#). This gives parents advice and information. If you have any problems or need advice please contact the school admissions team on 01670 624889. **Please note a late application may affect where your child is allocated.**

Visit to Hexham—Class 1 and 2—Wednesday 9th October

In conjunction with their current geography, art and religious education topics Class 1 and 2 are spending the day in Hexham, where they will visit the new exhibition 'Threads Through Creation' at the Abbey, complete walks around the town and visit the current exhibitions at the Queens Hall on Mike Pinkney and Heartwood.

Important Information

To minimise the cost of the trip we propose that children are dropped off and picked up from Wentworth (next to Waitrose) in Hexham by parents. Starting the day at 9:15 and finishing at 2:50 to allow parents with children not on the trip the ability to move between school and Hexham. Children who are in breakfast and after school club will be to and from school in a member of staff's car. If you haven't already please email your consent for your child to travel in a staff car.

As part of the 'Threads Through Creation' exhibition the children will partake in a workshop resulting in a piece of art to take home. The cost for this is £4.50 per child. Included in this cost the Abbey are allowing us to use a room for lunch to keep the children warm in this autumnal weather.

Please can the children come to school in normal uniform with a warm coat and comfortable footwear. Alongside this a rucksack containing a hat, gloves and a named water bottle. A pack lunch will be provided for all those who normally have a school dinner.

For those that haven't please give your consent for the trip, no later than **Tuesday 8th October** via School Gateway —without this your child will not be able to go.

NCC Family Hub website

The home learning environment has been an area of focus for Early Help, health and education partners at NCC over the last year or so. We recognise that to close gaps in children's learning and development, and prevent gaps from arising, children need quality interactions and experiences at home.

The 0-19 service (which includes Health Visitors) have developed the 'Growing Healthy' app. This app provides a wealth of resources, ideas and information to support families to meet the health needs of their growing child. The attached pdf shows how to access the app, and the [Northumberland Family Services Directory](#) also has lots of information, including the Growing Healthy app.

Important Information

The Family Hubs, health and Early Years Team have also developed the 'Family Hub' app. This app provides age related ideas and tips for parents/carers to help them to develop the quality of their interactions with their child. The resources within this app have been carefully chosen to support children's school readiness from birth to the start of reception. [See the Family Hub website, linked here](#), for more information.

The Family Hubs also offer Peep sessions at all Hubs. Peep is an evidence-based programme designed to support parents/carers with their home learning environment and interactions. For more information, [follow this link](#).

Beamish—Wednesday 27th November

We are currently planning a whole school trip to Beamish—details to follow next week.

And finally, Mrs Pease (Class 1) is on the lookout to find a car seat suitable for 4m old baby and a travel cot for visits from her grandchildren! Any suggestions or leads would be gratefully received! Thank you.

Timetable Information

PE and Forest School days – Autumn Term 1

Monday	Class 2 Forest School in pm
Tuesday	Class 2 swimming
Wednesday	PE EYFS PE Class 1
Thursday	EYFS Forest school in pm PE for Class 2
Friday	Class 1 Forest school in pm

Beaufront After School Clubs from September 2024, 3.30 - 4.30pm

		After school care, 4.30- 5pm
Monday	Dance with Pip and Ms Couzens	Ms Cousens
Tuesday	Gardening Club with Juliet Choir Club with Mrs Boucetla and Mrs Cameron	Mrs Boucetla
Wednesday	Multisports Club	Mrs Paxton
Thursday	Art club with Zoe and Ms Couzens	Ms Couzens
Friday	No club – school closes at 3.15pm	

Diary Dates

Please note that new dates are shown in italic

Wednesday 9 October	<i>Class 1 an 2 day visit to Hexham</i>
Friday 11 October	Class 2 Multiskills at CMS
Wednesday 16 October	Harvest Celebrations, 2pm
Tuesday 22 October	Class 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Consultations, 1-6pm
Wednesday 23 October	EYFS Parent Teacher Consultations, 1-6pm <i>PTA Halloween Cake Sale, from 3.15pm</i>
Thursday 24 October	Break up for half term, 3.15pm <i>PTA Halloween Disco, 5-7pm</i>
Friday 25 October	Teacher Training Day - school closed
Monday 4 November	Back to school
<i>Wednesday 27 November</i>	<i>Whole school trip to Beamish</i>
Wednesday 18 December	Whole school trip to the pantomime at The Queen's Hall
Friday 20 December	Break up for the Christmas holidays, 3.15pm
Monday 6 January 2025	School starts - Spring Term 1
Thursday 20 February	Break up for half term, 3.15pm
Friday 21 February	Teacher Training Day - school closed
Monday 3 March	School starts - Spring Term 2
Friday 11 April	Break up for the Easter holidays, 3.15pm
Monday 28 April	School starts - Summer Term 1
Monday 5 May	School closed - Bank Holiday
Friday 23 May	Break up for half term, 3.15pm
Monday 2 June	School starts - Summer Term 2
Friday 18 July	Break up for summer holidays



BEAUFONT FIRST SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN CAKE SALE

**WEDNESDAY
23RD OCTOBER**

**FROM 3.15PM
IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND**

JOIN US FOR OUR CREEPY CAKE SALE!

**HOME BAKED OR BOUGHT CAKE
DONATIONS MOST WELCOME
PLEASE BRING TO SCHOOL ON THE
MORNING OF THE SALE
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE HAVE A
NO NUT POLICY
DAIRY AND GLUTEN FREE OPTIONS
AVAILABLE**



****Beaufront School Halloween Disco!****



Come and join us on **Thursday, 24th October from 5-7pm** for a spooky good time at our **Fancy Dress Halloween Disco!** It's the perfect way to celebrate the last day of school before half-term.



- **Prizes** for the **best dressed parent** and **best dressed teacher**.



bag!

- **£5 entry per child** – includes a hot dog, drink, and a Halloween goody



- **Parents attend for free** – refreshments will be on sale. **All funds raised** will go towards the continued efforts of the PTA to improve school facilities

